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SUBJECT: LABOR - IRVING BROWN AND HOWARD MOLISANI ACCUSED AS CIA FOMENTO

OF LABOR SCHISM

1. PAMORAMA, A WIDELY READ LEFT-LEANING NEWS WEEKLY, CARRIES AN ARTICLE IN ITS NEW (SEPTEMBER 19) ISSUE ENTITLED "L'AMERIKANO." THE ARTICLE REFERS TO THE RECENT VISIT TO ROME OF IRVING BROWN, AFL-CIO REP IN PARIS, AND HOWARD MOLISANI, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LADIES' GARMENT WORKERS UNION. ARTICLE STATES BROWN WORKS FOR THE CIA, AND IMPLIES THE SAME ABOUT MOLISANI. PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT WAS TO FOSTER SCHISM IN ITALIAN LABOR RANKS, ARTICLE ASSERTS.

2. THE PAIR SAW DC PARTY SECRETARY FANFANI, REPUBLICAN PARTY SECRETARY LAMALFA AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHIEF TANASSI, BUT ONLY THE LAST WAS RECEPTIVE TO THEIR PROPOSALS, ARTICLE AVERS. FANFANI LISTENED "COURTEOUSLY BUT COOLY," WHILE LAMALFA ALLEGEDLY REJECTED MAKING COMMON CAUSE "WITH SCALIA'S CATHOLIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTEGRALISTS." ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY SAYING BROWN-MOLISANI

TRIP NEITHER SUCCESS NOR FAILURE: WHILE THEIR PROPOSALS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED, THEY WERE RECEIVED IN HIGHEST POLITICAL CIRCLES AND, WHILE SCHISM MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE FOR THE MOMENT, IT IS ATTRACTIVE TO UIL SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND THE SCALIA GROUP IN CISL.

3. TRANSLATION IN FULL FOLLOWS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE THE ARTICLE IS REplete WITH ERRORS AND TENDENTIOUS REPORTING (E.G., BROWN IS CONSISTENTLY REFERRED TO AS ILVING BROWN" WHILE MOLISANT'S GIVEN NAME IS SHOWN AS EDWARD), IT WILL DOUBTLESS HAVE THE INTENDED NEGATIVE IMPACT ON PANORAMA'S READERS, AUTHOR OF ARTICLE IS PASQUALE NONNO, FORMER CISL JOURNALIST AND STORTI INTIMATE, NOW EMPLOYED WITH ITALIAN BROADCASTING

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